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In response to the Final Office Action dated September 24, 2003, please amend the claims as follows and consider the following remarks.

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:  Technology Center 2100  Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.  Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted.  A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 FR 1.27 is enclosed.								
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